United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED
December 05, 2016
David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MCALLEN DIVISION

ROXANA CARCAMO VILLAFUERTE	§	
	§	
Plaintiff	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:16-CV-619
	§	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY AT THE INITIAL PRETRIAL AND SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Now before the Court is the Unopposed Motion to allow counsel for Plaintiff Roxana Carcamo Villafuerte to participate telephonically in the Initial Pretrial and Scheduling Conference currently scheduled for January 5, 2017, (Dkt. No. 17). The Court hereby **ORDERS** that the Motion is **DENIED** as the Court does not conduct hearings telephonically. However, the Parties are advised that the Initial Conference may be cancelled and a Rule 16 Scheduling Order issued pursuant to the Parties' Joint Discovery/Case Management Plan if the Parties are in agreement and no motions or other matters need to be addressed at the Initial Conference. In such case, the Parties should request cancellation of the Initial Conference by motion. Alternatively, local counsel may be retained to appear at the hearing to avoid the time and expense incurred in travel by current counsel.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of December, 2016, at McAllen, Texas.

Randy Crane
United States District Judge